

LOCAL MATTERS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., March 22, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—The Middle States northwesterly, shifting to westerly and southerly, rising temperature, falling barometer and clearing weather during the day, except in southern Virginia rising barometer and light rain, followed by clearing weather.

THE CANAL.—The Cumberland News says: Official notice was given yesterday that the canal would be opened for business this morning. At the same time it transpired that the tolls would be increased two cents—or from 46 to 48 cents per ton, the increase having been put on for "terminal facilities" at the outlet lock. We are not advised whether this increase will apply to all coal shipped to tide water or only that going through the outlet lock.

The Alexandria canal has been thoroughly cleaned and repaired from end to end during the winter, and is in first-class condition. The water will probably be let on Saturday evening, and the canal will be ready for navigation on Monday.

Throughout the whole canal basin the miners have agreed to go to work at 50 cents, and the Maryland, New Hope, Blain, and George's creeks, Hampshire and Baltimore have put their companies to work, and within a few days all the companies will be operating. All the business interests of Cumberland, Frederick and Pennsylvania are looking up, and miners and merchants exhibit more pleasant countenances than we have seen for months past.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.—The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, which has been in session at Westminster, Md., adjourned last night. Mr. J. R. Cline, the lay delegate from this city, returned this morning, and Dr. Nichols is expected before Sunday. An appropriation of \$200 was made from the missionary fund to aid in the support of the minister here. Rev. W. R. Graham, a talented young preacher, has been assigned to the charge of the church in this city, vice Rev. Dr. Nichols, who is transferred to Liberty, Md. The newly elected President of the Conference is Rev. D. W. Bates, who was pastor of the church in this city in 1855-6. Rev. Dr. Nichols was elected one of the delegates to the Convention with the Methodist Church of the West, which meets in Baltimore in May.

POLICE ITEMS.—Capt. James E. McCracken was brought before Justice Thompson last night on a charge of assault and battery, committed by Henry L. Davison. The complainant, who is a diver from Norfolk, swears that McCracken employed him to assist in raising a sunken schooner near the ship yard, and after his part of the work was completed refused to pay him, and upon his making application for his dues assaulted him with an iron bar, breaking his left hand. Justice Thompson, after hearing the evidence, fined McCracken \$5 and costs, and bound him over to keep the peace. The only cause in the Mayor's office was that of John Crump, drunk and disorderly, who was fined and discharged.

COAL MINING NOTES.—The following mining items of interest are taken from the Cumberland Alleganizer of yesterday: The Atlantic mines were in full operation yesterday.

On Monday the Piedmont employees were mining at fifty-five cents per ton. To-day the men employed in the Franklin mines will go to work.

The shipments of coal this year shows a falling off of \$9,000 tons as compared with last year.

In the corresponding week of last year there were shipped 245 tons of coal by canal.

HYMNICAL.—A large number of strangers and relatives and friends of the parties were in town to-day in attendance on the marriage of Dr. P. K. Higgins, resident physician of the British government at the island of New, in the West Indies, and Miss Serilla C. Macbach, of the West Indies. The ceremony took place at 1 p. m. at the residence of T. J. McHaffey, Esq., on Duke street, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Mr. Penick, of the Baptist Church. The bride party left this afternoon for the North, and after spending a few days there will sail for their future home in the West Indies.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.—Eminent Commander P. A. Reed and Recorder J. E. Alexander, of Old Dominion Commandery Knights Templars, have been invited by Richmond Commandery to visit them and exemplify the work of the order, and will leave here this evening for that purpose. The Richmond Templars were very much pleased with the specimen they had of the working of Old Dominion Commandery here in November last, and hence the invitation.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—Messrs. Frank Guimes and John Padgett, while out hunting in the marsh, near West End, yesterday evening, began skylarking, and shooting their guns at one another, taking care to shoot overhead or to one side. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Padgett, who had gotten behind a haystack, put his head out at the wrong time, and received a shot in his eye, which caused a painful and severe wound, and may result in the loss of his eye.

PERSONAL.—Joseph B. Stewart, well known in this city in connection with the original Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad, was recently, by letter of New York, was induced yesterday by the grand jury of that city for fraud in obtaining a bond under false pretenses, and selling the same several weeks since, when he at once departed for fields and pastures new in the South.

LARGE FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Patrick H. Harahan, whose sudden death was mentioned yesterday, took place from St. Mary's Church this morning, and was largely attended. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Keating, after which the remains were conveyed to the Catholic cemetery, where they were interred.

WOMEN.—The condition of Mr. D. C. Thompson whose accidental shooting on inauguration night was mentioned in the Gazette at the time, has changed for the worse in the past few days, and grave fears are now entertained of a serious result from his wounds.

PERSONAL.—Mr. George H. Kany, of this city, was yesterday summoned by telegram to Altoona, Pa., to attend the death-bed of his father, who resides there.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 22—12 m.—And so there is to be a commission (of an odd number and mixed of course) to visit New Orleans to investigate, or rather re-investigate affairs in that unfortunate city, as though the situation was not as fully comprehended here now as it will be, or as if all the investigating committees that could be appointed would change, in the slightest degree, the known status there.

Congress, in the plenitude of its wisdom, elected a "commission" to adjust the Presidential imbroiglo, which it did by a vote of EIGHT to SEVEN to the satisfaction of a few and the disgust of the many.

Congress appointed a "commission" to investigate the grasshoppers, and now the President, "by and with the advice and consent" of his "advisers," appoints a "commission" to investigate Louisiana.

The two investigations will amount to about one and the same thing. The grasshoppers will skip about as lively as ever this summer, preying upon the labor and earnings of the poor farmers, while their investigators will be "dining and wining" and listening to scientific disquisitions upon the ova or larvae Mr. Wheeler and his co-laborers, i. e. a majority of them, will likewise be "wined and dined," and Packard permitted further to prey upon what little is left of the substance of the citizens of Louisiana.

"Commissions" will become odious in the eyes of the American people. A will is all that is needed to adjust the trouble, but the will is wanting. Mr. Hayes talks sincerely, acts insincerely, holds out promises but to allure the confiding, then dashes the hopes of those who were told to look to him for relief. So long as Morton controls Sherman and Sherman controls Hayes, just so long will there be no peace. The country will be allowed to languish, the people crushed, and general ruin ensue, so that radical rule may be perpetuated. And so we go?

There is a feeling of despondency prevalent, and hope is dying out. The scales are falling from the eyes of the would-be conciliated, and the Administration is standing forth in its true colors.

While the "Wheeler commission" is about its investigation the troops at New Orleans and Columbus, but it is "hyped," say the republican conciliators, that "the present difficulty may be adjusted by the voluntary retirement of the contesting governors upon guarantees that the blacks will be protected by the governors and legislatures representing the white people of South Carolina and Louisiana," which would look like providing for Packard and Chamberlain in some other way, but these "hopes" are not likely to be realized.

It seems to be understood that Judge Davis of the Senate will be on the Louisiana commission, which appointment, prior to the late electoral commission, would have been looked upon as a good one, but people have lost so much faith that battle is left—hardly enough "to heaven the lamp."

It is not at all certain that Mr. DeFrance will get to be Public Printer, as there are many applicants for this position upon which Clapp has grown a crust.

3 p. m.—A Cabinet meeting was held to-day, but as the ministers are reticent it is difficult to obtain any positive information. It is reported, however, that the South Carolina case was under discussion, but no conclusion reached thereon, and an adjourned session will be held this evening, when a determination may be reached, but it is doubtful.

The official announcement of members of the Louisiana commission has been made.

Ex-Gov. Brown, of Georgia is, it is said, to be one of the commission.

A protest against the appointment of said commission was made by Representatives Lay, Gibson, and Ellis, of Louisiana.

Crowds of people are at the White House to-day, awaiting audiences with his Excellency, but many will have to be disappointed. Among the "callers" to-day were Senators Ferry, Morton, and Gordon, their business ostensibly to relate to local matters. Morton hovers around and overlooks the White House like a bird of prey, and seems to be master of the situation.

It is said that Messrs. Egarty, Schurz, and Key favor a withdrawal of the troops in Louisiana and South Carolina, but McCarty, Devens, Sherman, and Thompson are opposed, and as eight beats seven, so four beats three, and the troops remain.

VIRGINIA MAIL CONTRACTS.

Comparatively few of the contracts for postal routes in Virginia have as yet been completed. The awards were made last week in over three hundred cases, and not one-tenth of that number have as yet filed their bonds. The only contract for Alexandria outstanding is that of the route from Alexandria to the Theological Seminary, three miles and back, six times a week. The bond required with this bid is two hundred dollars, the contract having been awarded to John B. Ford, of Washington, D. C., for one hundred and eighty dollars.

OFFICES AND OFFICE SEEKERS.

Those credulous and unsophisticated demagogue gentlemen who found in the declaration of Mr. Hayes in regard to former party affiliations, an invitation to come over and sit down and eat of the "fattest slice of office," and have come up to their father's, or rather their Uncle Sam's, house, in Washington, have found themselves in a condition just the reverse of that of the prodigal son, for they have been all left out in the cold, to eat with the swine. Wherever the President or Mr. Key has a personal friend his democracy will not stand in the way of his appointment, but as to the rest of the world, has he republican party affiliations will be the first question in all cases where office is sought by influence. The civil service examination will be open to all who want to eat in it, but, like the mills of the gods, it grinds slowly, and a republican almost always comes out first.

THE CABINET.

The Cabinet held another session this morning and there was, it is understood, some talk over the proposed commissions for Louisiana. It is said that it has been agreed that neither Kenneth Rayner nor Robert A. Pryor will do for the work. Some matters other than the Southern question occupied a portion of the session and the Cabinet meeting was then adjourned until this afternoon.

President Hayes is to-day appointing John O'Neale to be inspector of steamboats for the St. Louis district vice Barnett.

The Navy Department has received informa-

tion that the United States steamer Genesee was at Constantinople yesterday.

The proclamation convening Congress on the 4th of June will be issued in a day or two.

There has been an addition to the family at the White House. R. B. Hayes, Jr., the third son of the President, arrived this morning from Cornell University.

Mr. Potts will not be reappointed postmaster at Peterburg because the President has been informed that, though an old man and a consistent member of the Church for many years, he was a Ku Klux. It is probable a negro will be appointed to the place.

A letter from the Governor of Yokohama reports that a sharp battle was fought at Kogoshima, the capital of Samotzu, a few days before the sailing of the steamer. The reports recount that the Imperial forces captured the town after a sharp and severe conflict. The conspirators were routed at every point.

"Pacts are stubborn things," and so are councils and calls, but the latter will invariably yield to Dr. Bull's Church Syrup, which costs but 25 cents.

City Sergeant Lucas and Mr. Lewis Stein left here this morning for Staunton, having in charge Mike Travis, who has been adjudged insane, and will be committed to the asylum at that place.

This being the night for the union prayer meeting, there will be no services in the M. E. Church.

The union prayer meeting will be held at the M. E. Church, South, to-night, at 7:45 o'clock.

Messrs. Miller & Co., have received their spring stock of china, glass, and queensware, and are offering great inducements to purchasers. See their advertisement.

LADIES will find relief from their headache, constipation, swimming in the head, cold, sour stomach, restlessness, etc., etc., by taking Simmons' Liver Regulator.

Persons living in unhealthy localities may avoid all bilious attacks by taking a dose of Simmons' Liver Regulator occasionally to keep the liver in healthy action. It should be used by all persons, old and young. It is not unpleasant, is a purely vegetable compound, is not injurious to the most delicate constitution, and will keep the liver in healthy action.

Every druggist has calls for Wells' Eureka for the teeth; a first-class article will always sell; persons who use it help advertise it as being first-class.

COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, March 22, 1877.—The market generally is active, though receipts are light. Sales of red Wheat at 156½¢ for common to good, no choice being offered. 982 bushels of mixed Corn brought 51. No Rye or Oats were offered.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, Mar. 21, 1877. Beef Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Best Beefsteaks.....57 1/2 a 58 1/2 Generally rated first quality.....57 1/2 a 58 1/2 Medium or good fair quality.....40 00 a 45 00 Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows.....35 00 a 40 00 General average of the market.....35 00 a 40 00 Extreme range of prices.....32 50 a 42 50 Most of the sales were from.....32 50 a 42 50 Trade on Monday was very heavy and brisk, with prices a shade off from last week's, but on Tuesday, being relieved by a number of car loads transported to New York, there was a more brisk market, and prices recovered what ever decline they may have experienced and closed at the rates ruling at the end of last week's trade. The quality altogether was a little better, but the common grades more numerous. We quote common to fair milk Cows at 25½¢ to 30¢; good to extra do. at 35¢ to 45¢ per head, and in brisk demand. Total receipts for the week 1573 head. Total sales for the week 1544 head.

Sheep.—The run continues rather light, and the quality fairly equal, if not superior, to last week's receipts. There is a slight improvement visible in the activity of the market, owing to the continued light receipts for several weeks past, but trade is not so brisk as being relatively so as compared with the market dullness prevailing for several weeks past. We quote at 41½¢ per lb gross. Receipts this week 1621 head.

Hogs.—There has been some little activity during the week, with a fair quality on the market. Prices have ruled lower, and the quality slightly improved on the run for some weeks past. Nearly all the offerings have been closed out at 7½¢ to 10¢, a few extra Hogs bringing the latter figure. Receipts this week 6951 head.

[By Telegraph.] New York, Mar. 22.—Stocks active, irregular and lower. Money 2. Gold 104½. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn quiet and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, March 22.—Virginia deferred 6¢; Virginia, consolidated, 69¢; do. 21 series 39¢ Cotton dull; middling 11½¢. Flour moderately active, firm and unchanged. Wheat firm and quiet; business restricted by limited supplies. Corn unchanged. Corn—Southern quiet and steady; Western dull and steady; Southern mixed 51½¢; do. yellow 51½¢; Southern mixed spot 52¢; April 51¢; May 51¢; June 51¢; steamers 51¢. Oats quiet and steady; Southern prime and Western white 14½¢; Rye 40¢; Corn 34¢. By cable from Liverpool, 17¢; prime to good 14½¢; 54½¢. Hay unchanged. Pork 15¢ 50. Coffee unchanged. Sugar active and firm at 10¢. Whiskey firmer but not quite as high as at 10¢.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 22, 1877. Sun rise.....6 11 Moon sets.....1 33 Sun sets.....6 14 High water.....0 00

ARRIVED. Steamer Express, Baltimore, to Jos Brothers & Co. Sch. Charm, Havre de Grace, to T. J. McHaffey & Co. Sch. Jacob Birdall, Philadelphia, to T. J. McHaffey & Co.

CLEARED. Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F. A. Reed. Steamer John W. Thompson, Cape river, by F. A. Reed. Steamer Mathias, Norfolk, by Jos Brothers & Co.

BY TELEGRAPH. WASHINGTON, March 22.—The observer at Cape Henry reports to the chief signal officer that the name of the ship ashore there is the Winchester from Liverpool, bound in ballast to Norfolk, Captain McDonald, with a crew of 27 all told.

The sch. Gov. Burdett, from Philadelphia for Charleston, S. C., has foundered off Hatteras light-house. Her crew were rescued by the steamer Columbus, from Havana. The schooner was owned in Philadelphia.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—The three story BRICK HOUSE on Royal street, between Prince and Duke, now occupied by Rev. Dr. Mitchell, with water and gas. Apply to CHAS. R. HOOFF, mh 22-1m

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

H. JACOBS. Desires to inform the public that he has again taken possession of his old stand, next door to the Gazette office, on Prince street, and will be happy to see all of his former patrons and anybody else who want a pleasant and artistic SHAVE or HAIR CUT. jan 30-4m

OFFICE OF ADAMANTINE BRICK CO.

Alexandria, Va., March 20, 1877. A meeting of the stockholders of the "ADAMANTINE BRICK COMPANY OF VIRGINIA" will be held at the office of the company, at Waterloo street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of May, 1877, at 12 o'clock m. The order of the board of Directors is as follows: WM. M. ASHLEY, Sec'y.

TRY OUR NEW FIFTY CENT BLACK

TEA: the finest ever sold for the money. mh 10 WM. RAMSAY.

GREEN'S UNIFORM YEAST POWDER mh 22 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TEMPERANCE WINE FOR INVALIDS.—It is well known that there are cases when the most strict advocates of temperance are obliged to use some sort of wine, especially invalids, as well as invalids and debilitated persons in warm weather need a little strengthening wine. The great difficulty has been in procuring a rich Port that is reliable. There are many cases where wine would be drunk to great advantage in place of alcoholic drinks if only a genuine article could be had, and upon which physicians could rely, as by changes for common nutrition service. It is principally sold by druggists. Mr. Speer's mode of conducting the fermentation is such as to retain the rich flavor and sweetness of the grape without much fermentation to create stimulative properties. [Transcript.]

TEETH. If not kept clean, soon decay. Young people, remember this. Use DENT THURSTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER. It will preserve them through life. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle. mh 22-1y

HANDY TIMES demand economy. Practice it. Renovate your soiled Gloves with JOHNSON'S INODOROUS KID GLOVE CLEANER. It will cleanse them thoroughly. Sold by druggists. 25 cents per bottle.

GREAT UPRAAR ABOUT CLOTHING.

The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chinchillas, Beavers, Korseys, &c. Gents' Cassimeres Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$1.50; all wool Suits at \$5.00 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

dec 8 89 King street.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE GAS WORKS. Alexandria, Va., March 22, 1877. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until April 8, 1877, for FIFTEEN HUNDRED 300 TONS BEST QUALITY VULCANIZED GAS COAL, to be delivered at the city wharf during canal navigation of the year 1877. Bidders will state the terms, &c., upon which they propose to sell the coal. The committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Gas Light Company, M. H. NASH, Sup't.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

1877 SPRING TRADE. 1877

W. B. WADDEY,

BOOTS AND SHOES

74 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

The largest and best selected stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered in this market. The special attention of the trade is invited to our stock of

LADIES', GENTS', MISSES', YOUTH'S, CHILDREN'S and INFANTS' WEAR,

comprising all of the varieties and new styles, from the heavy Brogan to the most delicate Slipper—made to order, and of the very best material.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS will find it to their advantage to examine our stock from which equally good selections can be made at prices that will compare favorably with those of the Northern cities.

In the RETAIL DEPARTMENT we have all of the latest styles of Ladies', Gents', Misses' and Children's Boots, Shoes, Gaiters and Slippers, finished in the most elegant style, and warranted durable.

Our Word is Our Bond—Any goods we sell with a verbal guarantee for certain service, such as not to rip, etc., in a given time, will be handed free of charge if found not to stand as represented.

mh 20 W. B. WADDEY

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.

W. M. H. SMITH & CO.,

Dealers in FRESH AND SALT FISH, Corporation Fish Wharf, Alexandria, Virginia.

Would inform dealers and others that they are prepared to furnish them with all kinds of POTOMAC FISH at the lowest possible prices. We would call the attention of buyers to the fact that our brand has stood No. 1 in market at all times, and we intend to sustain our reputation in that respect.

All orders addressed to W. M. H. Smith & Co., Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention.

mh 15-3m

J. G. GRIMES & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in FRESH AND SALT FISH,

Stand—Fish wharf and Market Building.

mh 22-3m

W. M. H. SMITH,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in OYSTERS, FISH, PRODUCE, &c., &c.,

No. 16 North Prince street.

Has constantly on hand Oysters of the best quality from Norfolk and elsewhere, received fresh by steamers every day, and is prepared to furnish the trade at as low prices as any house in the city.

All orders entrusted to him shall receive prompt and careful attention.

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1877 SPRING TRADE. 1877

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON,

88 King st., cor. Royal, Alexandria, Va.

Have received a large and well selected stock of goods in their line, to which they invite the attention of purchasers.

Country merchants will find a good line of goods suited to their trade at prices to suit.

Our stock embraces all classes of Hardware and Cutlery in the trade, and a good assortment of other goods usually purchased by the country merchant. We will sell at a small advance on cost, and invite an examination at 88 King st., corner of Royal, Alexandria, Va. mh 22

MORE SPRING GOODS.

Thursday, March 22, 1877.

100 PIECES NEW STYLE CALICOES.

New Goods Constantly Opening.

We call attention to full lines of Staps and Fancy Dry Goods opening to-day, and to a large stock of all well regulated houses in this country.

H. B. HOOPER. D. F. BRASHEAR. mh 22 Alexandria, Va.

JUST RECEIVED. ALEXANDER'S TWO-BUTTON KID GLOVES. In Spring shades; all sizes. \$1 per pair. Every pair warranted. mh 22 C. C. BERRY.

DURNEY'S CORN STARCH AND MAIZE. Alexandria, Rice Flour, Tapioca, &c., for custards and puddings. mh 22 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

DRY GOODS.

PRETZFELDER & COMPY.

Are now opening

NOVELTIES IN SPRING GOODS,

and would name in part—

Polish Cloths, new styles and colorings, with

Fringes to match.

Newest Fabrics in imported Dress Goods, in

entirely new shades.

Cassimeres, Worsted, Diagonals, Meltons,

6-4 Cloths, &c., in large variety; newest de-

signs at unusually attractive prices.

Spring shades of Kid Gloves, in two buttons,

at \$1. Every pair warranted

PRETZFELDER & CO.,

Ludwell Baldwin, No. 144 King street.

B. P. Taylor. mh 17

PUBLIC INVITATION.

FIRST OPENING OF SPRING GOODS

AT

ISAAC EICHBERG'S,

(Successor to Slaymaker Co.)

Just received and ready for inspection an en-

tire and complete stock of Bleached and Un-

bleached Muslins in all the popular brands.

Sheetings in all widths, both Linen and Cot-

ton.

Pillow Case Muslins and Linens, 45 inches.

Table Damasks in all grades up to the finest;

also White Linen, Unbleached and Colored

Damasks.

Towels, an elegant assortment, in Huckebac,

Damask and all other grades and sizes.

Embroideries, the newest designs, in Insert-

ings, Edgings and Ruffings.

Gloves, in Lisle, Silk and Kid; every pair

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